



THE FEDERAL SUNSET ACT

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*"The nearest thing to eternal life we'll ever see on the earth is a government program."
-President Ronald Reagan*

WHY WE NEED IT

On average, more than five agencies perform the same or related functions. Here's just a small sample of multiple agencies doing the same job:

- 163 programs with a job training or employment function
- 500 urban aid programs
- 342 econ. development programs
- 240 education programs
- 71 business support programs
- 64 welfare programs
- 130 programs serving at risk youth
- 90 early childhood development programs
- 50 homeless assistance programs
- 12 food safety agencies
- 45 federal agencies conducting federal criminal investigations
- 40 employment and training programs
- 27 teen pregnancy programs
- 19 substance abuse programs

HOW IT WORKS

1. The Federal Sunset Act creates a bipartisan Sunset Commission, which will set an expiration date on each federal agency.
2. When an agency reaches its expiration date, it must prove its present day value to taxpayers and Congress or face elimination.
3. After a review by the Sunset Commission, a report will be submitted to Congress containing an analysis for each agency and recommendations as to whether the agency should be abolished, reorganized or substantively changed.
4. Congress will then draft legislation to carry out the recommendations.

DOES IT WORK?

Yes. Presently, 24 states have some sort of Sunset review, and have saved hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars. In Texas alone, Sunset review has accounted for over \$720 million in savings. Just imagine what the results could be like here in Washington!
